under the appropriate heads.

We learn, by this arrival, that the bark Yankee had arrived over on the 1st inst., having made one of her quick trips. The Fortuna will sail for Hong Kong on Monday, if sufficient freight discharm a considerable cargo for this port. The bulk of it

The back Friendship arrived on Friday, after a very long and boisterous passage from Tekalet, bringing a cargo of lumber, shingles and spars; the latter coming to order for the use of the hip-wrights, and the former for sale in a market already over-

Business has been about the same this week as at date of our last report. The unsettled weather for the past few weeks has had an influence in depressing trade. With the first breath of the returning trades on Saturday last a large number of whale ships put to sea, having been wind-bound in port for a week or The harbor begins to look cleared out, and this exodus of ships will continue for the next few days, or weeks, to a con-

We note the sale of the bark Harmony, lately belonging to Mesers. Condy & Co., having been whaling out of this port for three years. Capt. Thes. King was the purchaser. She will be ontinued in the whaling business and is now being re-fitted.

A survey has been had of the whale-ship Condor, of New Bedford, the result of which is that she is condemned as unsen-

worthy. We understand that her bows were ound to be in a very bad condition. She will be stripped and sold soon at suction. The whaling bark Merrimac, of New London, and bark Italy, of Honolulu, have also been condemned. Both of them have received severe damage and straining during the past season at the north. The Merrimac will be closed out at auction

The fine ellippers War-Hasek and Mountain Wave both satied on Tuesday the 21st, with full cargoes of oil and bone for New Bedford. Bark Harburg also sailed for Bremen. Their cargoes are reported in another colum SHINGLES-Importations per Friendship and Fortuna

amount to 520 M, rather an over supply, and prices have recedcel of red-wood, ex Fortuna, on private terms ; we quote \$6 25 as the outside rate now for red-wood. LUMBER-The cargo ex Friendship does not find a purchaser and will be stored in yard to meet a more favorable mar-

ket. A cargo of fir would not now command over \$28 per M. The retail trade has vastly fallen off. SEGARS-Importations per Fortuna amount to 400 M Manilla. The market is now well supplied and we cannot quote

BEEF-Sales at auction of 25 bbls inferior at \$5 37@\$6. REANS-Dull. Sales at auction of native at ic & pound. MOLASSES-There have been sales of best quality at 20e;

inferior at about 18c; there is a heavy stock. PLOUR-Stock large of all descriptions. transactions to any extent. SUGAR-No. 1 continues to come into market from the large plantations a quotations are unchanged.

EXCHANGE-On the East may be quoted at par to 1 % c; on San Francisco | to c premium.

SAN PRANCISCO MARKETS. We are permitted to publish the following full review of the

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market, dated 30th Nov. In almost every description of goods, the prices were depressed ; "Our market for sugars of all kinds has declined. No. 1 China, in small lots, is selling at 11c @ 11jc; crushed, at 12jc @ 13c; coffee, do 11c @ 11jc.

"Twenty bris Sandwich Island molasses sold at auction to-day

"Our last quotations for rice remain unchanged.

"Ric coffee, in small lots, commands like. 160,000 fbs sold, a few days since, on private terms, we think, a little unter 12 c.

Java is worth like. "Domestic flour is jobbing at \$8 50 @ \$10 50 : Gallego and Haxali at \$13 @ \$13 50.

Haxali at \$13 at \$13 50.

"Provisions have declined considerably. We quote mess pork at \$22; prime do, at \$15 at \$16; mess beef at \$18. "Last sales of Eastern laid cordage were made at 10 c for assorted; invoices, lie @ lie; small sizes alone, say 9-thread, at li inch, would bring 11c. The San Francisco Cordage Company continue to job their rope at 10c @ 11c. calized for sperm; 50c @ 525c for polar; and 40c @ 425c for

"Sales of turpentine have been moderate at 87 c @ 90c.
"Fifty bris tar sold a few days since at \$6 50, and 200 bales

"Prices for adamantine candles have receded in consequence of some of the speculators manifesting a desire to realize; 2000 boxes were offered at auction yesterday, and sold in lots at 24 jc & 20 jc, marking a decline of about 2c per lb. "The reports of gold-mines on the Gila River, to which we re-ferred in our last as yet attract little attention here."

NEW BEDFORD OIL MARKET .- Nov. 1. Spray-There is more inquiry, and the sales of the week have reached 4,400 bris, in pareris; we quote 90 bris at \$1 20, 48 at \$1 200, 34 at \$1 21, 272 at \$1 22, 81 at \$1 22;, 240 at \$1 226, 3.116 (including the Officer Crocker's cargo) at \$1.23, 216 at \$1.24, and \$7 half head at \$1.24; also, 31 bris inferior at \$1, and 185 do, black, at a price not transpired. The market closes with further impairs, but purchasers generally are offering prices best than me.

with further inquisitions.

What 5—The transactions embrace 5.050 bris, in lots, as follows: 500 bris at 50c, 752 at 52c, 500 at 53c, and 3,500 at a price not transpired. The late news from the N.W. wholling fleet is not transpired. very unfavorable, but, owing to the large quantity of whale oil already in the country, rices have not been affected by the

Imports of eperm and whale oil and whalebone into United States, for the week ending Nov. 1, 1858. Bbls sperm. Bbls whale. Lbs bone. 1,479,008 151,236 From Jan. 1 to date, 72,885 Same time last year, 73,868 181,306 227 995 1,479,650 Corrected from last week's footing .- N. B. Ship. List.

LATEST DATES, received at this Office.

 San Francisco
 Dec. 4 | Paris
 Oct. 20

 Panama, N. O.
 Oct. 30 | Hongkong
 Aug. 28

 New York
 Nov. 6 | Melbourne, Vic.
 Sept. 6

 London
 Oct. 25 | Tahiti
 Nov. 10

Ships' Mails.

For Say Francisco-per Gimpse, on Saturday. For Lanaisa-per Liholiho, on Friday. For Hillo-per Liholiho, on Friday.

PORT OF HONOLULU, H. I.

(For full reports of Whaleships, see tist on 4th page.) ARRIVALS.

Dec. 17-Am bark Friendship, Capt. Carlton, 42 days from Port 17-Br ship Joseph Shepherd, Phillips, 28 days from Puget

17—Am wh bark Belle, Brown, from Lahaina.
19—Am elipper ship Fortuna, Scudder, 14 days from San Francisco. Prancisco.

19—Sch Mary, Berrill, from Kawalhae.

20—Sch Kamehameha IV, Barrus, from Kohala.

21—Sch Liholiho, Levett, from Hilo.

21—Am cilp ship Syren, Green, from Boston, May 23, via Klo Janeiro, 96 dys, with malse to C. Brewer 24.

DEPARTURES.

Dec. 18—Ship Minerva, Crowell, to cruise. 18—Ship Morea, Manchester, for Rorotonga. 18—Ship Bruins, Henry, for Guam and Japan 18—Shito Bruins, Henry, for Guam and Japan.
18—Ship Benj, Mergan, Sisson, to cruise.
18—Haw brig Kauai, Schimmidenig, to cruise.
18—Sch Excel, Antonio, for Kauai.
20—Ship China, Thompson, for New Belford.
20—Sch Haria, Holteno, for Maul.
20—Sch Keoni Ana, for Kauai.
20—Sch Kalama, Waters, for Hilo.
21—Cincer ship Warhawk, Simmons, for New

21-Chipper ship Warhawk, Simmons, for New Bedford. 21-Ship Mountain Wave, Hardy, for New Bedford. 21—Ship Tybee, Freeman, for Japan. 21—Han, bark Harburg, Gra-fenheim, for Bremen. 21—Sch Kamoi, Chadwick, for Lahaina. 21—Sch Moikeiki, Hall, for Kahului. 22—Bark Java, Lawrence, to cruise.
22—Ship Montauk, French, to cruise.
22—Ship Corea, Babcock, for New London.
22—Am wh sh Orozimbo, Pens., to cruise.

At Realejo, Nov. 1, U. S. S. Decatur. She would remain on the coast until the questions pending between the United States and Nicaraguan governments were settled. At Panama, Nov. 17, U. S. Steamer Saranac, waiting the arrival of the St. Mary's ; also, the British naval vessels the Alert and Fixen. At Aspinwall, U. S. Shipe Saratoga and Roanoke. Dec. 18, touched off Honolulu, Br ship Joseph Shepherd, of

London, Phillips, master, 28 days from Puget Sound, bound to Hoogkong-all well. Cleared at Boston, Oct. 19, ship Polynesia, Morse, for Hono-

Sailed from New Belford for the North Pacific Ocean, Oct. 18, bark Coral, Sisson ; from Edgartown, Spartan, Bunker, (of Nantucket,) for do; Oct. 20, sh Edward Cury, Gardner, (of Nantuck-Arrived at Rio Janeiro, Sept. 13, sch Matilda, Penhallo

from New London for Sandwich Islands, to repair. Whaleship Splendid put into Norfolk on the 18th Oct., in dis tress, having lost fore and misen topmasts, and fore topgall saset in a severe gale. She was bound to the North Pacific.

VESSELS IN PORT.-DECEMBER 22.

To Captains of Clippers and other Vessels passing the Sandwich Islands. Shipe passing the Islands generally run through the Molokai and Onhu channel, and can pass within a mile of Diamond Head and the anchorage without losing the trade-wind, which revails in this latitude nearly all the year, and blows along, or

Webore at this port. Vessels passing near Coco and Dismond Heads, and showing their private colors or Marrynti's signals, will be telegraphed to Honolulu, and reported in the weekly papers. The telegraph is about four miles from the town, and is located on the low Diamond Head with the mountain range. Cor-Head (the south-eastern point of Onha) is about 12 miles from the anchorage, and Diamond Head is three miles.

A flag at the fore is understood at this port as a signal for pilot; the American or national flag at the main is the signs to be hoisted when an American mail is on board to be left at Honoiutu. Vesseis not wanting a pilot, and wishing merely to signalize their name or number, can hoist their signals on the

There are NO TONNAGE DUES at the port of Honolulu. The only charges are : For vessels anchoring in the roads, if a pilot is employed, \$10; pilotage, if vessels enter the harbor—in o out-31 per foot ; custom-house entrance, \$2; inward manifest, if she has freight, \$1; ch arance, \$1. Vessels lying off-and-on merely to procure provisions or water, or to land freight and assengers, are liable only to the above entrance and clearance Boat-hire to vessels "outside" is one to two dollars for each person, according to the distance. A ressel can touch at the port of Honoluln, lying off and on, land passengers, mails or reight, and procure supplies of fresh meat and vegetables, with detention of not over four hours, and custom-house charges

not exceeding five dollars. The Commercial or Post office news-boat will be dispetched o all vessels passing during the day-time within three miles of the anchorage, and captains will confer a favor by sending ashore the latest San Francisco and New York or Boston papers, ogether with the ship's report. The boarding of the news-boat need not cause a detention to the vessel of over thirty minutes.

The legal allowance for carrying the mail from San Francisco to Honolulu, is fuo cents a letter, and for each regular mail, varies from \$15 to \$50. Messrs. Morgan, Stone & Co., of San Francisco, are the agents for forwarding the Sandwich Island

IMPORTS.

From Trekalet—per Friendship. Dec 18—160,325 ft rough lumber, 1221 M shingles, 65 small spars, 25 large do, 50 barrels salmon, 2 bales blankets.

From San Francisco—per Fortuna, Dec 19—1 bri alcohol, 6 cases 1 box drucs, 1 case books, 1 bnd1 maps, 75 cs wine, 128 pkgs mdse, 5 cases homey, 5 do mustard, 10 do spices, 10 do soap, 3 do coffee, 6 pkgs tobacco, 15 cases lemon-syrup, 10 cs bitters, 25 do pepper, 10 do syrup, 5 bndls twine, 4 cases powder, 1 cs sewing machines, 2 bags specie, 1600 bndls shingles, 20 nests ewing machines, 2 bags specie, 1600 bndls shingles, 20 nests runks, 2 boxes and 5 bales hats, 20 half boxes cigars, 28 cases boxes citron peel, 19 cases pepper sauce, 2 do extract lemon, 5 do cream-of-tartar, 5 do carb, of seda, 10 do tomato catchup, 1 cs Jamaica ginger, 17 cases bottled beer, 2 do singer wine, 1 box opium, 119 bris bread, 46 cs do, 40 do cigars, 1 box printing.

EXPORTS. For New Benford-per Warhawk, Dec 21 CALLS, SPERM. GALLS, WHALE, LBS, BONE Sarah, 6,097 13,460 21,199 Mary..... 15 492 Hohomok, 2,345 Northern Light..... South Seaman. 47,812 21 027 Washington 5,407 the hone, Corea 17,435 do do; 15 bris slush, 2 Total value transhipped, \$90,609 70; value dom. For New Benyonp-per Mountain Wave, Dec 21 GALLS, SPERM, GALLS, WHALE, LES, BONE,

Mary Frazier,..... 2.949 Java, 27,757 23,765
Eliza Adams, 21,172 8,424
Oscar, 7,578 lbs home, Fanny 10,248 do do, Mennel Ortiz 13,023
do do, Orezimba 8,876 do do, Empire 9,652 do do, Carelina 8,944
do do, Nimeed 9,343 do do ; 17 bris slush and 62,098 calls wh
fill by other parties. Total value transhipped, \$136,048 25. For Briggs—per Harburg, Dec 2?—50 677 galls wholl 662 osp oil, 33.428 fbs whalebone, 9.796 fbs walrus teeth, 1 box oa hu-ber, 46 okgs tallow, 3 bris land, 6 bales tobacco, 11 csks allow, 6 bris slush, 11 cs furs, 2 cs turtle shell, 3 pkgs coffee, 2 es stoves, 5 es horse shoes, 7 kers do nails, 10 cases máse, 5 de bread, 94 sheepskins, 4 cs objects of natural history. 5 cs Port wing. Value—transhipped, \$44,871 50; dom. produce, \$1,583 05; foreign do. \$1,126 25.

Vessels Expected from Foreign Ports.

Bark Yankee, Smith, due from San Francisco about January 1.
Brig Josephine, Stone, due from Jarvis Island about Dec. 28.
Am clipper bark Sachem, Atkins, sailed from Boston Nov. 5,
Pierce & Co.'s line of Packets.
Am bark Melita, Pollys, is due from Kamschatka via San British brig Emma sailed from Liverpool, Aug 23, for Fraser From London, about Jan 15, ship Scotsman, for Fraser River

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Ships Phantome and Queen were advertised to leave London
in all Sept, for Fraser River, touching at Honolulu.
Ship Picarro would probably leave Liverpool, Oct. I, for Honolulu, to R. C. Janion.
From Bremen, in all January, clipper briz Kohala, Corsen, to
fit for whaling, by Hoffschlaeger & Stapenhorst
From Bremen, early in March, clipper brig Aloha, to fit for
whaling, by Hoffschlaeger & Stapenhorst.
Ann. brig Angenett, 233 tons, Studley, sailed from New Bedford Angust 5, for this port.

ford August 5, for this port.

Am. schooner Matilda, Penhallow, sailed from New London Am. ship Molern Times, of H. A. Pierce's Line of Packets, left Boston for Honolulu, via Tahlti, August 5.

PASSENGERS.

For New Reprosp-per Warhawk, Dec 18-J Silverstone wife and 3 children, J. Joeison.

From Pour Townsend—per Friendship, Dec 18—Messrs Rhae, From Sax Francisco-per Fortuna, Dec 19-Messrs White, For BRINKS-per Harburg, Dec 21-Messrs Waldenus and For New Bensonp-per Mountain Wave, Dec 21-Rev W P Alexander, Mrs Mary Alexander, Miss Mary A Alexander, Ellen C Alexander, Thomas S Bond.

From Kawaihae-per Mary, Doc. 19-Messrs E Sparks, H Juckson, H Purday W Duffin, Capt Mallett, wife and child, and

MARRIED.

In Honolulu, on Tuesday evening, Dec. 21, at the residence of the bride's mother, by the Rev. E. Corwin, Rev. A. O. Fornes, son of Rev. C. Forbes, formerly American missionary at Keala-kekus, Hawaii, to Miss Maria Jane, daughter of the late Levi In Hon-dulu, Dec. 20, by Rev. S. C. Damon, Mn. John Davis, to Miss Massauer Chonfox.

In Honolulu, Dec. 17, by Rev. S. C. Demon, Ms. Thomas
Miss, to Kaarkal, both of Honolulu.

Dec. 221, Mr William Burkett, late 2d officer of British ship Oresics, to Mrs Anne Mary Taylor, passenger on board th

PLACES OF WORSHIP.

Seamen's Bethel-Rev. Samuel C. Damon, Chaplain-King street, near the Saltors' Home. Preaching on Sundays at 11 4. M. and 75 P. M. Seats free. Sabbath School after the morning services.

Fort Street Church—Corner of Fort and Beretania Streets, Fort Street Church—Corner of Fort and Beretama Streets,
Rev. E. Corwin, Pastor. Preaching on Sundays at 11 A. M.
and Tj. p. M. Sabbath School meets at 10 A. M.
Methodist Episcopal Church—Nunanu avenue, corner of Tutui
street—Rev. John M. Clay, Pastor. Preaching on Sundays
at 11 A.M. and Tj. p.M.
King's Chapei—King street, above the Palace—Rev. E. W.
Clark Pastor. Services, in Hawalian every Sunday at

Clark Pastor. Services, in Hawaiian every Sunday at 94 A. M. and 3 P. M.

Smith's Church—Beretania Street, near Nuusna Street—
Rev. Lowell Smith Pastor. Services, in Hawaiian, every Sunday at 10 A. M. and 21 P. M.

Catholic Church—Fort street, near Beretania street—under the charge of Rt. Rev. Bishop Maigret, assisted by Abbe Modeste. Services every Sunday at 10 A. M. and 2 P. M.

CONDUCTING A NEWSPAPER. - Among our exchanges

received a day or two ago, we find the following very fitting remarks, showing the difficulties which the conductor of a newspaper encounters in other places. It will apply to Honolulu as well. Those who are continually grumbling and finding fault, because a paper does this or doesn't do that and doesn't suit them in every respect, would make a sorry figure in attempting to make it chime with their own particu-"The truth is, an editor cannot step without tread-

ing on somebody's toes. If he express his opinions fearlessly and frankly, he is arrogant and presumptuous. If he states facts without comments, he dares not to express his sentiments. If he conscientionaly refuses to advocate the claims of an individual to ofice, he is accused of hostility. A jackanapes, who measures off words into verse as a clerk does tapeby the vari-hands him a parcel of stuff that jingles like a handful of rusty nails and gimlets, and if the editor is not fool enough to print the nonsense, 'Stop my paper-I wont patronize a man that's no better judge of poetry;' as if it were patronage to buy a pawould cost. One murmurs because his paper is literary—another because it is literary—another bebles because commercial transactions are reported too fully, and another because they are not reported fully enough, nor to suit him-another says the adverisements engross too much room-another complains tisements engross too much room—another complains that the paper is too large or too small. One wants type so small that a microscope would be indispensable in every family—another threatens to discontinue the paper unless the letters are half an inch long—one old lady actually offered an additional price for a paper that should be printed in type as large as is

used for handbills. "Every subscriber has a plan of his own for conducting a journal, and the labor of Sisyphus was recreation when compared with that of an editor who undertakes to please all."

SPLITTING A WHALE.—The suit which we referred to last week between the China and Espadon about a whale has been decided. The case was taken out from court and referred to three arbitrators, who after hearing the testimony, awarded one-half the oil and bone or its equivalent to each party. The amount turned out to be only fourteen barrels-hardly enough to pay the lawyers' fees. The award can hardly be set up as a precedent, some of the testimony being considered as ex parte and such as could hardly be admitted into court.

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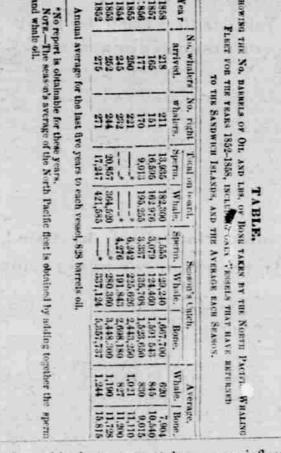
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23.

THE whaling season of 1858 may be considered s closed, although several vessels which have been looked for are still out. Their catchings, however, cannot materially alter the aspect of the annual review which we now give. Our list on the fourth page, which gives the report of each ves sel, shows that quite a number (22) have gone on Southern cruises without touching here. Those vessels will probably touch here in the spring and ship their oil and bone.

The whole number of whalers arriving at these islands during the fall of 1858 has been 218, viz:

American,.....204

Of these 211 have been right whalers and traders; the amount of oil taken by which during the past season is 130,795 bbls, oil and 1,667. 700 lbs, bone. The following table places the totals in comparison with those for previous years from 1852. The average quantity of oil and bone taken by each ship (which includes the above four flags) is, nearly, 620 bbls. oil, and 7,904 lbs. bone, which is a serious falling off from the average of the previous seasons, and only about half that of 1852.



That this decrease must have some influence on the price of oil in America and Europe is certain, although the stock there is reported to be large, with low prices. In more than one repeet the season of 1858 has been exceedingly disastrous. Owing to the heavy weather, which is always met with at the North, and the excessive ntities of ice floe encountered, the damage to ships has been severe, and it is rare that we have had to report so many repairs needed as during the past fall. This has caused a greater detention than usual to many of the whalers visiting Honolulu. There have been three vessels lost, as before reported. The French ship Napoleon III in Bhering Sea, and the ship Columbus and bark Rajah, of New Bedford, in the Ochotsk. A num ber of vessels have sustained so great damages a to have been judged unserviceable. Four whalers have already been condemned at this port this

The movements of the whales in the northern grounds are singularly erratic. On the Kodiack and Bristol Bay, where in former seasons a large amount of oil has been obtained, this season little or nothing has been procured. Whales have there been very scarce. Many of the shipmasters with whom we have conversed think that the same whales are somewhere along the Northwest coast, but that they changed their haunts for the sea son, and may be as abundant on their old grounds next season as in former years.

The result on the Arctic ground has perhaps been the most singular. Some sixty-five ships cruised in that ocean, and up to the first of August met with no success. Whales were sometimes to be seen, but they were bound through the Straits with such speed that no boats could overtake them. If a vessel chanced to be near the school one or two only could be secured. Finding such ill-luck, about one-half of the ships left the Straits, bound south, and reported that no whales were to be got there. It was about the 6th o August, soon after a part of the vessels had lef for the south, and while some twenty-five re mained cruising between East Care and Cap Lisburne, that whales suddenly appeared, without indicating from what quarter they came. The moved slowly north and towards Barrow's Point while most of the ships secured each from 500 t 1000 bbls. The whales then disappeared for tw or three weeks, and many of the ships left for the south. The few, however, that remained till September again fell in with large numbers, and though the weather was rough, killed a number. The average of oil taken by the Arctic fleet that remained till August 15th must have been at leas

An old captain, who was among the first t visit the Arctic ground after its discovery in 1847, and who has always preferred that ground for summer cruising, assures us that he ha never yet had a poor season there, and tha the whales have invariably turned up abundant during some part of the season. Sometimes it ha been in June, again in July or August, and ever later, in September. He believes that whales exist in vast numbers in that ocean, and that they have free access throughout the Polar Sea whether east or west, though their movement are very uncertain. There is greater risk on that ground than, perhaps, on any other, owing to the strong currents, gales, ice and sudden changes in the weather.

The reports from the Ochotsk represent th season to have been very similar to previou ones, excepting that ice was much more abun dant, and less fog. Whales were less abundan than in former years, of less size, and poorer One captain informs us that he killed this season 46 whales, which turned out 1500 bbls, oil. The same number in 1857 vielded 1800 bbls.; and in 1856 he obtained 2200 bbls, from the same num ber. Other captains have had similar experience, which would indicate that the whaling in that Sea will become less profitable every year The average yield of the Ochotsk ground is not

far from 850 bbls. this season. What the effect of this season's work will on the interests of whaling, it would be prema ture to conjecture. One thing is certain, that New Bedford ship-owners can receive no great profits from their investment when their vessel meet only with such success as they have obtained this season. That the poor returns of this year will make some change is certain. It may result in sending out a class of smaller and less expensive vessels than the greater part of those now it employ. If fifty barks of 300 tons each can be fitted out at an average outlay of not over \$25,000 each, and this fleet bring in as much oil as the same number of larger vessels sailing at from \$40,000 to \$50,000 each, it is clear that the former should be used, and one-balf the capital invested saved. Economy in some way will have to be studied, or the North Pacific whaling busi-

ness must receive a serious check from the present falling off. The next season may be an improvement on the present, and we hope it will; but the past is the only sure basis on which ad-

ventures should be staked. Although an unusually large amount of ship carpentering and repairing has been going on port during the past few months, we have noticed a change for the better in the efforts of captain. to reduce the expenses of their ships while in port. These are always heavy, but the amount depends in some degree on the disposition of a shipmaster There has been less inclination among them to demonstrate the length and heft of their purses, as well as to make a show with fast horses. This change has been brought about partly by having agents for vessels here, and in part, perhaps, by the mode of sending out captains via the isthmut to supercede those in charge. In many cases this has a good effect, though in some it seems hard to deprive a master of his berth on vague reports. The general effect of this new plan is, however, unquestionably good.

Chauge of Ministerial Tactics.

The public were much surprised by the position taken by the government in the last issue of the Polynesian in regard to the government printing Whether the remarks of that paper on the subject had been brewing some weeks or not, matters little; the announcement appears to have been hastened by the action of the House of Represen tatives, who had taken up the subject of public printing for discussion; and had all the facts in the case been fully investigated, we have no doubt the position this journal has before as now performed, would have been sustained.

Knowing that the business of the public printing would soon be considered by the House, and that a doubt was entertained in regard to the expediency of continuing it as at present, the publisher of the Commercial sent in to that body a communication, giving a definite proposal at what rake he would be willing to contract for the public sinting for a term of years,-which might see as a basis for any action they chose to take the sum named is low, to be sure, but not so I but that it can be done with a fair profit, using type and materials already on hand and which lie idle for a part of the year. Knowing well the hostility shown on the part of the Ministry, during the past two years, to any other mode of executing the public printing that that which had been in vogue for fifteen years, and the blunt denial repeatedly made by the government organ of any great loss arising therefrom, little or no expectation was entertained that the proposition would be of any weight; much less that this same government organ would at last come out and acknowledge that " the economical necessity of a government printing office' had been by us undeniably disproved, and recommend the disposal of it in as strong terms as appears in the following paragraphs:

"The success of the Advertiser, in a purely business view, has been rapid and marked, and so far affected the customary resources of the Polynegian as to reverse the position of the two com petitors and range all the disadvantages of the competition on the side of the latter, notwithstanding the ery of "Monopoly" which the Advertise holds up now and then as a mask, behind which to hide its grin of satisfaction.

"One by one as civilization and general proress advanced, as knowledge increased and capital accumulated, the Government has receded from its position as pioneer or competitor in private enterprises or business speculations, and we fully believe that the time also has now arrived when it should recede from the printing busines and cause the Government Press to be disposed of. This seems also to have been the leading opinion of that portion of the "Report of the Minister of the Interior," in March last, which refers to the "Government Press," wherein the Minister recommends to the Legislature that he be "en powered, in his discretion, to dispose of the Government Press, its fixtures, apparatus or both, by sale or lease, whenever it can be done upon rea sonable conditions and with a saving to H. M. Treasury."

"When the subject of the Government Press was up for discussion in the committee on the Civil Code, and we were called upon for information, we took that early opportunity of delivering the same views that we have now embodied above. And since the publisher of the Alvertiser, Mr. H. M. Whitney, has formally offered to i all the government printing for the really low sum of \$3,800, we would be false to our own conscientious conviction, did we not frankly and fully advise the government to accept his offer and dispose of its own printing establishment at such a yearly rate as would in a measure reduce the above charge and still leave a living profit to whomsoever might take the concern and occupy that independent position which the Advertiser has hitherto been sup-

This is what a sailor would call tacking ship, and steering in a directly opposite course from that heretofore pursued. It matters less whether the government will save three, five or ten thousand dollars a year in the proposed change; the principle involved in it, is the main point, and, if made, evinces a change in the ruling sentiment of the administration, which allowed a minister. as is well remembered, to attempt to muzzle the press and bring this journal in its infancy into that abject submission to a dictatorial minister, which had characterized most if not all newspaper enterprises started in the kingdom, not excepting the short-lived and bigoted Era and Argus. This change in the policy of the administration, if made, indicates that a more liberal sentiment is developing itself, and that there is less fear of trusting the defense or censure of the government with those whose interests are identi-

fied with the country. In regard to the proposal referred to, made by the publisher of this paper, we may add a few words. It was tendered and is viewed solely as a legitimate business transaction, just as would be made with any business firm. The execution of the public printing could have no influence in the control of this journal. We wish this point distinctly understood. The same independent ed in the first number, and which have been ad- ground. hered to since, will continue to control it. As heretofore, it would not besitate to censure government, its ministers and agents, where censure is called for, or commend them where acts worthy of commendation are seen. And should the attempt ever be made again, as it was once, to browbeat and crush freedom of speech, it could pursue no other course than that pursued, and which has taught even a crown minister the limit lish from the Polynesian, the decision given in the

More of the Wreck of the "EMMA."-After our paper of last week was issued, we visited the scene of the wrecked vessel which lay on the reef before the cocoanut grove of Waikiki. The brig lies in smooth water, and loaded boats pass from and to her without difficulty. Notwithstanding the severe thumping which she received in going on shore, her hull remained sound for nearly forty-eight hours, showing that she was a very strong vessel and fit for good service. Immediately on learning of the disaster, Prince Lot Kamehameha started off at ten o'clock P. M. in the steam tug, to render all the assistance possible. and with a self-sacrifice of comfort and ease which is commendable, remained on board, working like a sailor, with only pants and finnel shirt on, throughout the night and day following the disaster. The natives in the neighborhood rendered much voluntary ssistance al-o. Owing to the mild weather following the wreck, and the assistance of the natives, almost every article was saved from the brig without serious injury. The effects of the vessel were sold vesterday on the wharf Her hull as she lies on the reef, sold for \$175.

ACENOWLEDGEMENT .- Ours are due to the Polynecian, for report of proceedings of the House of Nobles.

NOTES OF THE WEEK.

TERRIFIC STORM.—These islands are fortunately

exempt from the frequent occurrence of those hurri-

neighborhood, causing much damage, and old residents say that in 1847 another occurred with which alone this last can be compared. On Thursday evening, the 16th, soon after sundown, the clouds thickened up in the west, accompanied by lightning and rain. The wind was very moderate, and the sharp flashes of lightning indicated that the cool trade wind currents had come in contact with the warm south wind, which had been prevailing for some days. From twelve o'clock midnight till three o'clock in the morning were witnessed some of the most majestic displays of the elements ever seen. The heavens appeared lighted up with one continuous flame, so much so that a person could easily read. We have never seen the lightning flash so continuously for so long a period. It was not till morning, however, that the rain commenced to fall in any unusual quantities. Duing the forenoon, for three hours, it poured down in torrents as though the heavens were a mass of water. By noon all the streams were flooded, and plains deluged, while the water flowed through the streets in town in torrents, in many places two feet deep. Nuuanu Valley, from the prison up to the bridge above Macfarlane's, was so completely flooded that canoes alone afforded means of communication. Meet of the dwellings of foreigners and natives in that suburb were submerged, the water rising from one to two feet on the first floors. Montgomery's bridge, as taken on the great expense of the public printing well as the lower stone bridge in Nuuanu, and various others about town, were carried away. The government water pipes crossing the Nauanu bridge were also destroyed, and for a couple of days the town had its supply of water cut off. The extent of the flood may be best judged of by the fact that Nuuanu street from the lower bridge to Macfarlane's, was completely overflowed, as well as most of the dwellings along it, and the damage done was considerable. It is fortunate that the flood occurred during the daytime, else many lives would doubtless have been lost. As it was, the loss, excepting a death by lightning noted in another place, is confined to the destruction of bridges, fences, dwellings, cattle, horses, and a large number of taro patches and contents washed away. Some 8000 lbs. of bread and several tons of flour stored in the bakery of the Messrs. Love in Nuuanu street, were more or less damaged by the water. The total losses from the flood cannot have been less than \$10,000, and from that to \$20,000. The loss from bridges alone is set down by the Minister of the Interior at \$7000. We hope it may be many years before we are called to record another such a storm.

Appointment.—It has pleased His Majesty to cause Letters

Patent to be issued, constituting Charles R. Bishop, Esquire, an Ionsrary Member of the Privy Council of State.—Polynesian. Perhaps no appointment mule since the accession of His Majesty to the throne has met with more gen-eral satisfaction than the above. The office is not one of great responsibility, but as indicative of a change to a more liberal and conservative policy, it is an important one. It is by calling around the executive as State councillors such men as Charles R. ferred the subject of hulas, reported a bill, which, BISHOP-men of high, moral integrity, ardently de- being in the native language, was ordered to be transwho possess the fullest public confidence-that the Hawaiian Government may succeed in restoring and elevating its credit and standing, which have been on the wane for the past two or three years. Mr. B. is known throughout the group as a man of sound judgment, uncompromising integrity and undoubted loyalty to the true interests of the kingdom; and his appointment cannot fail to command increased respect for the Government from many whose confidence in it had heretofore been shaken.

PROPOSED TAXATION .- By reference to the report of proceedings in the House of Representatives, it will be seen that the Minister of the Interior recommends laying a tax on the inhabitants of the Kona or Honolulu district, in order to raise funds to rebuild the bridges destroyed by the late freshet. It is stated by the Minister, in his communication to the House that the funds in the Treasury are not more than adequate to meet the necessary expenses of the government, hence the call for a special tax. It is but fair that the residents of Honolula district should contribute towards their own roads and bridges, and we doubt not in this instance it will be done cheerfully. The Minister, we learn, does not take the responsibility of recommending the kind of tax which ought to be imposed, but we presume the House will not hesitate in declaring for a property tax.

MISS CAROLINE INCE'S BENEFIT .- It will be seen by advertisement in another column that Miss Caroline Ince will take a benefit at the Royal Hawaiian Theater on Saturday, (Christmas night,) under the patronage of Capt. Montresor and the Officers of H. B. M's. Ship Calypso. This young lady is favorably known to the Theater-going public, as an accomplished vocalist, and we hope she will receive, as she fully deserves, a crowded house. The play selected for the occasion is Rob Roy, and will, we hear, be gotten up with unusual care and expense. THE BARK GLIMPSE.—This fine vessel, under command of Capt. S. L. Dayton, is, we learn, to run as

a regular packet between Honolulu and San Francisco. Although perhaps rather larger than required for the trade, she runs at comparatively small expense. Her accommodations, both for steerage and cabin passengers, are superior; and if we are to judge of her sailing qualities from her trips already made between the two ports, she is destined to give the fullest satisfaction. She takes a fair amount of freight and some fifteen or twenty passengers, and sails positively on Saturday next.

KILLED BY LIGHTNING .- It is seldom that deaths occur on these islands from lightning. During the torm on Thursday night, a native woman was killed by a stroke of lightning on Waikiki Plains, near the esidence of Mr. Jackson. At the time of the accident, she was crossing the vard between two houses. distant about a bundred feet apart. The only trace | Monday. left on her person by the lightning was a mark on her breast, very similar to what would have been made by a flash of powder. The fluid probably struck principles and advocacy of popular rights, avow- her on that spot and passed through her body to the

A NEW COASTER .- Captain Rikeke, the enterprising master and owner of the schooner John Young, became the purchaser at auction, last Saturday, of the schooner Isabel, lately from Callao for 1,425 dollars. The Isabel is - tons register, well built of Guayaquil oak, and under the command of Capt. Rikeke, will no doubt make a good coaster. IMPORTANT DECISION .- On our first page we repub

Supreme Court last week on the question of kuleana rights. The decision is one of importance to all occu- only a guard for His Majesty. pants of land, whether natives or foreigners, and a knowledge of the law on the subject may save some hard feelings between neighbors, and perhaps law-CHRISTMAS SERVICE.—We learn that on Satur-

day next, the Bethel Church will be opened for Divine Worship, when the Rev. W. B. Arthy, Chaplain of H. M. S. Calypso, will officiate, according the form of the Episcopal Church. Service to con mence at half past eleven o'clock, A. M. LECTURE BEFORE THE LYCEUM.-Professor Alexan

der, of Punahou College, will, we learn, deliver a lecture before the Honolulu Lyceum, some time next month, of which due previous notice will be given Subject-"The historical development of the English DEATH OF DR. BULLIONS.—In our news column

will be found a notice of the death of this young genleman, (who was very favorably known in this comnunity) at his father's house in Troy, New York. WATER COOLERS.-Messers, C. L. Richards & Co. have received from San Francisco a new article of water coolers, which besides the comfort of the thing.

make quite a bandsome ornament for a private

THE YANKEE.—This vessel had a short passage over to San Francisco of twelve and a half days. was to sail again on the 16th of Dec., and should this strong wind continue, will be in before our next is-

canes and storms which visit with devastation both From an item in the Boston Journal, we learn the East and West Indies, and it is only once in sevthat our former townsman J. F. B. Marshall, Esq. eral years that we have what may be called a dehas purchased a property in Westboro', Mass., about structive storm. One of these, however, occurred on thirty miles from Boston, where he intends to reside Thursday and Friday last, which, in the extent of

damage done, has not been equalled for many years, AN IMPORTANT BODY.-The Hawaiian House In 1851 or 2 a severe rain storm occurred in this Representatives is probably the only similar body the world that has a Bisnop for its Chaplain.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS .- We are requested to cal attention to the auction sale this evening at Colburn's, of toys, etc., suitable for Christmas presents.

SHORTIST DAYS .- Yesterday and to-day were the shortest of the year; after this they will begin to increase in length.

IF A notice relating to letters sent by the ne overland routes, will be found among the adv'ts.

HAWAIIAN LEGISLATURE. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, Dec. 16.

In the absence of the Speaker, Mr. Austin was chosen to preside pro tem. ORDER OF THE DAY.

There being no other business before the House, the orders of the day were taken up.

The bill to amend the 13th chapter of the Penal Code passed a final reading. The House then resumed the consideration of the

Civil Code in committee of the whole, Mr. Kaumaea SEC. 141. "General Provisions," as follows:

SEC. 141. (a) No license granted to any retail vendor of goods, wares and merchandize shall be construed to authorize the sale of alcohol, cologne, lavender, or other preparation under the name of perfumery, to be used as a beverage. The absence of the usual qualities of perfumery in any such preparation shall be regarded, if the same is said to be used as a beverage, as conclusive evidence of an intention to evade the laws relating to the retail vending of spiritums linears. tail vending of spirituous fiquors. Sec. 141. (b) No victualling house or hotel license shall au-

Sec. 141. (b) No victualing acuse of the training acuse of the sale of peaches, cherries, or other fruits, preserved in brandy or spirits of any kind, to be used on or about the premises for which such license is granted. Any such use shall be held as presumptive evidence of an intention to evade the laws relating to the retail vending of spirituous liquors.

Sec. 141. (c) Any pers m offending against the provisions of the two last presenting sections shall be subject to a fine of not the two last preceding sections shall be subject to a fine of not ess than ten nor more than fifty dollars for each offense. The Court in its discretion may add imprisonment at hard labor for term not exceeding thirty days.

All spirituous liquors imported under the name of perfumery reserved fruits with the intention of evading the laws relating o duties, shall be liable to scizure, condemnation and sale for the efit of the public treasury.

The foregoing general provisions were passed, nem con., and the House took up ART. 2d. " Of the Shipping and Discharge of Sea

men." Secs. 141 to 172. Sec. 156, relating to the bond to be given by masters to return native seamen, was referred to a select committee for revision, consisting of Messrs. Cham-

berlain, Sheldon and Kalama. In sections 159 and 160 it was provided that native seamen shall be exempt from all personal taxes; when

The bill to provide an armory for the Honolule Rifles was read a second time, and in committee of the whole, passed to be engrossed for a third reading to-morrow. Adjourned.

FRIDAY, Dec. 17.

Mr. Kalama, from the Committee to whom was re-

The Honolulu Rifle Armory Bill passed a final read-The House then resumed the consideration of the

Civil Code in committee. Section 165, in regard to the settlement of accounts native seamen, provides that

"When any native seaman is discharged from any whale saip, or other vessel engaged in foreign trade, the master thereof shall, previous to a thement with such seaman, exhibit to the agent appointed by the Minister of the Interior, or to his deputy, a detrilled account of the debts incurred by said seaman to said ves-sel, and the amount of wages carned by said seaman, which ac-count shall, if required, be verified by oath to be administered

did not ensure sufficient protection to the seamen, it was referred to a select Committee: In section 152, Mr. Robertson moved to amend so

as to read as follows-the words enclosed in brackets "No foreign seaman regularly discharged from any vessel "No foreign seaman regularly discharged from any vessel shall be liable for any debts contracted by him within the period of his permit to remain in the Kingdom, [except such debts as are incurred by him for necessaries; and in case of an action brought for the recovery of any such debt, the plaintiff shall be required to prove that such debt was incurred for necessaries;

ART. 4, "Of Internal Improvements." Secs. 174 and 175 were passed, when the House adjourned.

croxided always that this exemption shall not apply to any pe-iod for which his permit may have been extended beyond the

PETITIONS. From R. V. Speiden, praying a victualling license

SATURDAY, Dec. 18.

be granted him to keep open on week days until twelve

Mr. Hitchcock, from the select committee on petition of Henry M. Whitney reported as follows: "The committee to whom was referred Mr. Whitney's proposal in reference to the Government printing, beg leave to report-

"That, after carefully conside ing it, together with the report of the Minister of Finance on the Government Press, they believe that at the present time the government press is and has been a loss instead of a benefit to the government: "Therefore, they would report favorably on Mr.

Whitney's proposal, and commend it to the careful consideration of the House, whenever it shall take into consideration that part of the Civil Code which

fers to the government press."

Re S. P. KALAMA, D. H. HITCHCOCK.
J. I. DOWSETT, JOHN RICHARDSON.
M. KENCI.

The select committee of inquiry into the accounts of the Honolulu market reported in favor of a revision of the laws relating thereto. .The select committee on the stallion law reported amendments thereto.

All the above reports were laid on the table for the Mr. Kupakee's bill amending the 27th chapter of

The House went into committee on the Civil Code. and the report of the select committee in regard to stallion was taken up. The provision including jackasses, was stricken out. In other respects the law is

The remaining sections of the provisions respecting bridges and highways were then taken up, and passed, when the Committee rose and the House ad-

MONDAY, Dec. 20.

PETITIONS. From Makawao, for the establishment of Hospitals for indigent sick; that the Polynesian newspaper be abolished ; that a Select School for Hawaiian females be established; that the Militia be abolished, leaving

From Hana, Maui, all the signatures in one handwriting, and therefore laid on the table. From Waialua, Oahu, for \$500 for bridges. From Hamakua, Hawaii, for the abolition of Native Physicians, on the ground that they are not only

exhorbitant in their charges, but that they are igno-

rant and neglectful of their patients. Referred to a ORDER OF THE PAY. The act to amend Chapter 27 of the Penal Code, was read a second time and ordered for Wednesday. Mr. Austin gave notice of intention to introduce a

bill to provide Hospitals for indigent sick in Hono-Inlu and elsewhere. The House then went into Committee on the Civil Code-" Harbors, channels, buoys, beacons, wharves

and water-works." Sec. 196. Adopted Mr. Robertson, on leave, introduced the following resolution :

Resolved, That the part of the Civil Code which relates to the Government press, together with the communication of H. M. Whitney, and the report of the Select Committee on public printing, be referred to a Select Committee, with instructions to confer with the Minister of the Interior on the subject, with a view to adopting what changes, if any, may be deemed ascessary and expedient.

Adopted, and the following gentless a Hollister, Kamaipelekane, Kapibe Sections 197 to 210 "Of the public Much the same as the old law. Section 20.

that the clerk of the market shall, mount an examination of weights and measures Section 206 provides that government man be open until eight o'clock on Sunday more Kupakee moved to strike out. Mr. Robertson said it would not realldifference, as the law would not probably

in the face of public opinion.

Mr. Chamberlain supported the motion ont. He believed in a strict observance of

The motion was carried, 14 to 8. Section 207 forbids the selling of garle. meats at any stand or shop within one ale market-house, unless provided with a lide es not include the hawking of vegetables

The Speaker being absent, Mr. Auste pointed to the Chair pro tem.

Mr. Austin brought forward his Hospital provides for the immediate establishment pital for indigent sick natives in Honolale propriates \$10,000 for that purpose. Also, Minister the authority to establish similar on the other islands, whenever he may think sary and proper. Ordered for a second

law, were passed, when the Committee row A communication was received from the of the Interior, bringing to the attention of the recent loss of bridges in the neighborh

Honolulu, and suggesting that \$7000 be an assessment on the inhabitants of the Kom for the purpose of making the necessary repa dered for committee of the whole to-more

propriation for a Court House. forming that they had yesterday met to

bond for the shipment of native seamen, Mr. Chamberlain, from the select Con-

section 165 of the Civil Code, presented a report, recommending a new section. Pri the government shipping agent shall a agreement between native seamen and a ships, and that in case of dispute on the the vessel, the government agent shall can to be guaged, the expense to be borne by who shall be found to be in the wrong. Mr. Kaauwaepaa as a minority of the

mittee, reported adversely to the above. It Mr. Sheldon read his joint resolution for of Gerritt P. Judd, from accountability to 9 ury in the sum of \$2930 44, " Deficience Ordere ! for committee of the whole to-day

short discussion the bill was postponed into The Hospital bill was then taken un. Mr. Kaumaea objected to the bill, as it for a hospital at Honolulu only. He more by inserting the words, " Honolulu, labor

On the side of the bill it was urged that it ing this amendment, the bill would be vin

bill passed to a third reading to-morrow, maea fighting it inch by inch. The communication of the Minister of the in regard to raising means to repair bridge

and Kalama. The report of the select Committee on hi taken up in committee of the whole, and res

The joint resolution for the relief of 6. was read a second time and referred to a si mittee, consisting of Messrs, Kalama, Lat.

loin, Kamaipelekane, and Manini. Aljan HOUSE OF NOBLES.

to order by the President Prayer. Min meeting of 28 June read and approved. At cation from the Secretary of the Joint Can the Civil Code, reporting the same, was real communication dated 6th December, statist House of Representatives had met to pre business; also a communication transmitted to amend the thirteenth chapter of the Pers also a communication transmitting an " 35 to the Honolulu Rifles;" also an "Act tog larceny of animals." All these Acts and

on motion of Prince Kamehameha, pest morrow. The Rules were again suspend bill entitled "an Act relating to the Hand the penal code, was read a first time and ordered for

till to-morrow at 12 o'clock, M.

(Correspondence of the Pacific Commercia PORTLAND, OREGON, No. DEAR ADVERTISER :- Your readers advised by the return of disappointed would like, perhaps, to be informed as for money-getting and gold-digging. on Fraser River and its tributaries. I will git

House then adjourned till to-morrow at la

information I possess of that delectable Frazer River mining is a humbug was gold enough there to fill the pocket let alone the thousands and tens of the have left a good business and run there selves gulled, and what is more, left si to get back with. It is stated by returned Frazerites, at

too, I think, that the humbug was got by the California steamship owners. that some government men on Van did actually offer men of character, money if they would co: respond parers under their own signature. ew men left on Fraser River, except "fish to fry," or who have no money get back. Don't let the Honolula ! by what the Puget Sound papers st land in that territory which they would like to see ogcapied.

Having got as far as section 210, the rose, and the House adjourned.

ORDER OF THE DAY. Sec. 211 to 234. " Of prisons, &c." tions, which are in substance the same a

The Speaker being absent, Mr. Sheldon pointed to the Chair pro tem.

From the District Justice of Koolaulon 6. Communications were received from the Va business; and that they had concurred in amend the 13th chapter of the Penal Code REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, Mr. Sheldon, from the select Committee

amend the 27th chapter of the Penal Cole

The motion to amend was lost, 13 to 8,

lulu district was referred to a select Commi sisting of Messrs. Dowsett, Sheldon, Richard

DECEMBER 21 .- FIRST DAY .- The House

the first time Mr. Gregg gave notice that to-morres move that article 49 of the Rules of the lin pended, in so far as the Civil Code is coss stead of eight members of this House a quit Wyllie laid on the table copies of his seen with appendices, etc. (some for the present only). The Secretary was directed to if Speaker of the House of Representations him that the House of Nobles had met ! with the business of the Session. The is suspended, and the bill entitled an " ic the thirteenth chapter of the Criminal real for the second time and passed. larfinally. The Rules were again suspended. entitled "an Act to prevent the largers

on motion, postnoned. The House the 224. PECEMBER.—SECOND DAY -M terday's meeting read and approved. Mr. proposition to do the government printing duced and its consideration postponel, till the House assumes the consideration of the Civil Code, which relates to the Press. According to notice, Mr. Gres suspension of the 46th article of the far as its application to the Civil Code Motion seconded and carried. Mr. according to notice, moved an and 37th article of the By-Laws constitution bers a quorum. Motion seconded and

was read for the second time, and is es